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IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN AND FOR SALT LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH

STACY MCCOOEY, COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND

vs.

PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE CO.; PROGRESSIVE VEHICLE SERVICE CO.; DOES I-V, and ROES CORPORATIONS VI-X, inclusive;

Defendants.

Plaintiff;

Case No.

Judge:

Plaintiff, Stacy McCooey, by and through counsel, and complains against Defendants as follows:

PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff, Stacy McCooey ("Ms. McCooey" or "Plaintiff") is a resident of Summit County, Utah.
- 2. Upon information and belief, Defendants, Progressive Vehicle Service Company and Progressive Insurance Company (collectively "Defendants") are Ohio corporations doing

- business in Summit County, Utah.
- 3. DOES I-V and ROES CORPORATIONS VI-X are individuals and corporations currently unknown, but which may be added upon discovery.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 4. This Court has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this Complaint pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 78A-5-102 et seq.
- 5. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §78B-3-307.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 6. On or about September 19, 2017, Plaintiff was travelling near 500 East and 3300 South in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 7. At or about the same time, Saadi Alabid ("Tortfeasor") was traveling near the same intersection.
- 8. As the vehicles approached the intersection, Tortfeasor failed to stop at a red light.
- 9. As Plaintiff lawfully travelled through the intersection, Tortfeasor crashed into her.
- 10. Plaintiff was injured both physically and emotionally in the accident.
- 11. Plaintiff settled with Tortfeasor for the Tortfeasor's policy limits.
- 12. Plaintiff was insured by Defendants at the time of the accident.
- 13. Plaintiff's policy included uninsured and underinsured vehicle coverage ("UIM Coverage") to Plaintiff at the time of the accident.
- 14. The amount of UIM Coverage was not less than \$250,000.00.
- 15. On or about April 04, 2019, Plaintiff submitted a demand for UIM Coverage benefits to Defendants.

16. Defendants have failed to compensate Plaintiff pursuant to the policy.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (Underinsured Motorist Benefits)

- 17. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 18. Plaintiff is entitled to UIM Coverage benefits under the Policy pursuant to Utah Code § 31A-22-305.3.
- 19. Defendants have not paid those benefits.
- 20. Plaintiff has been injured by Defendants' lack of payment.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of Contract)

- 21. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 22. The Policy created a contractual relationship between Plaintiff and Defendants.
- 23. Plaintiff fulfilled her duties under the contract.
- 24. Defendants failed to fulfill its duties by failing to pay the UIM Coverage benefits.
- 25. Plaintiff has been damaged by Defendants' breach.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of the Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing)

- 26. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 27. Defendants were subject to an implied duty to refrain from actions that would intentionally destroy or injure Plaintiff's right to receive the fruits of the Policy.

- 28. Defendants breached said duty by refusing to pay the UIM Coverage benefits.
- 29. Due to Defendants' breach of the implied duty, Plaintiff has been damaged.

DISCOVERY TIER

30. Plaintiff hereby claims this is a Tier 3 action pursuant to Utah R. Civ. P. 26(c)(3).

JURY DEMAND

31. Pursuant to Utah R. Civ. P. 38, Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues presented herein.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants as follows:

- 1. For non-economic damages in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 2. For economic damages in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 3. For incident and consequential damages in amounts to be proven at trial.
- 4. For attorney's fees and costs of suit herein as allowed by Utah law.
- 5. For interest pre and post judgment interest.
- 6. For punitive damages as permitted by law.
- 7. For such other relief as may be deemed fair and equitable under the circumstances.

SIGNED and DATED this 1st day of July 2019.

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